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1. 38TH. THESSALONIKI INTERNATIONAL FAIR
INAUGURATED EVENING OF SEPT 1 BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS
PATTAKOS AND MAKAREZOS.

2. AT INAUGURAL CEREMONY AT PALAIS DES SPORTS, MAKAREZOS
DELIVERED SPEECH ON STATE OF NATION'S ECONOMY EMPHASIZING ITS
PROGRESS AND GROWTH UNDER PAPADOPOULOS REGIME. ONLY
CONTROVERSIAL
NOTE INJECTED WAS ALLUSION TO GREECE' S PROBLEMS WITH
EEC AND DISCRIMINATION OF "BIG COUNTRIES" OF EUROPE
AGAINST GREECE, WITH THINLY VEILED THREAT OF LATTER
GOING ITS OWN INDEPENDENT WAY IF FORCED TO DO SO.

3. PATTAKOS, IN BRIEF, LOW-KEY AFTER-DINNER POLITICAL SPEECH AT
MAKEDONIA PALACE HOTEL STATED THAT GREEKS THEMSELVES
ARE THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH DEMOCRACY AND THEREFORE
NEED NO LECTURING ON IT FROM OUTSIDERS. HE PROMISED
THAT TIMETABLE ESTABLISHED BY PRESIDENT PAPA-
DOPOULOS FOR REESTABLISHMENT OF POLITICAL PARTIES,
ELECTIONS AND OPERATION OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WOULD BE
ADHERED TO, AND AFTER THIS PHASE OF NATION' S
POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT IT WOULD BE UP TO YOUTH TO CARRY
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ONWARD THE WORK OF THE REVOLUTION.

4. FOLLOWING MORNING, MAKAREZOS FORMALLY OPENED FAIR WITH TOUR OF PAVILIONS, INCLUDING RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY AT U.S. STAND, WHERE HE MADE LEISURELY AND INTERESTED INSPECTION OF COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS AND USIS PRESENTATION ON CONSERVATION OF ENVIRONMENT.

5. ALTHOUGH INAUGURAL CEREMONIES SEPTEMBER 1 ATTENDED BY SOME SIXTEEN CABINET AND SUB-CABINET MEMBERS AND RANKING OFFICERS OF ARMED FORCES, HEADED BY GEN. DEMETRIOS ZAGORIANAKOS, ABSENCE OF PRIME MINISTER AND LACK OF ANTICIPATION AS TO WHAT HE MIGHT ANNOUNCE, AS IN PAST YEARS, LENT OCCASION SOMEWHAT MORE PERFUNCTORY AND LACKLUSTER AIR.
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